

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2208 - HB 2467

February 28, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Abolishes Nashville State Technical Institute and the State Technology Center at Nashville and creates a new institution to be known as *Nashville State Technical Community College* to be under the management and control of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). Their campuses, property, programs, and assets shall be transferred to the College. Any legal or contractual rights, duties, obligations, or evidences of debt shall become the rights, duties, or obligations of the new institution.

The College is authorized to provide comprehensive one-year and two-year occupational, college parallel, continuing education and community service programs. The College shall serve as a regional technical school to train engineering technicians for industry, and prepare students to earn a living as technicians or technical workers in the fields of production, distribution or service.

Employees of the institutions who have achieved rank and tenure and who continue as employees of the TBR without a break in service shall retain that rank and tenure as employees of the new institution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- Combining the State Technology Center with Nashville State Technical Institute and upgrading the combined institutions to a community college status will not result in an increase in funding through the *Higher Education Funding Formula* at the present time.
- Significant investment has already been made towards facilities and programs necessary for community college status.
- Any additional expenditures required for the change that would not have occurred in the absence of the bill are estimated to be less than \$100,000.

Note: Any long term impact as a result of the upgrade to community college status will be determined by decisions that are made in regards to adding programs and facilities in the future. However, should such improvements be necessary they would likely require a significant increase in state expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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